

(B) Details of Sponsored Programmes

The following sponsored programmes have been approved:

1. Golden Moments	52 Eps.
2. Amazing India (Quiz Prog)	21 Eps.
3. Unknown Soldiers (Women freedom fighters)	26 Eps.
4. Emerging India (Achievements in various fields)	26 Eps.
5. Golden Jubilee show (Patriotic films songs)	13 Eps.
6. Quiz Programme	21 Eps.
7. Rani Chennaman	26 Eps.
8. Main Dilli Hoon	52 Eps.
9. Gatha (Soap opera) (Post-independence activities)	52 Eps.
10. Siyasat	52 Eps.
11. Achievements in 50 years (State-wise)	26 Eps.
12. Kahan Gaye Woh Log (Personality-based)	52 Eps.
13. Sangharash	52 Eps.
14. Pariwar	26 Eps.
15. Shubh-Labh	104 Eps.
16. Swathanthratha Samar Senani	26 Eps.
17. Making of a Nation	26 Eps.
18. Kanthapura (Based on the novel of Sh. Raja Rao)	26 Eps.

Songs and short films of 3-5 minutes' duration depicting freedom struggle and development of the country on various themes have been approved under sponsored category. These will be telecast every day during the whole year.

Statement-II*Details of Expenditure*

At the Directorate level, one commissioned programme each per week on DD-I, DD-II and DD-III will be telecast. The average budget for each episode of commissioned programme at Directorate level will be Rs. 2.5 lakhs.

(Total budget: $52 \times 3 \times 2.5 = \text{Rs. } 3.9 \text{ crores}$)

Besides, following eminent Film and TV Producers were selected to produce programmes for the National Channel with their own ideas.

1. Shri Girish Karnad.
2. Shri Budhadev Dasgupta.
3. Shri Shyam Benegal.
4. Shri Saeed Mirza.
5. Shri Bhupen Hazarika.

Each producer has been asked to produce 13 episodes, each with the budget of Rs. 1 crore (Total Rs. 5 crores).

Jingles and spots will be commissioned at the Directorate level.

(Total budget : Rs. 1 crore)

Each of the 15 news producing Kendras (Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Calcutta, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Lucknow, Mumbai, Patna and Thiruvananthapuram) will commission 52 episodes upto a maximum budget of Rs.2 lakh per episode commissioning to not more than 10 producers.

(Total budget: $15 \times 52 \times 2 = \text{Rs. } 15.60 \text{ crores}$)

In addition PPC, Guwahati has been allotted Rs. 1 crore to produce programmes for the North East.

Refusal of Security Guards and Sweepers to Accept Daily Wages.

6240. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that security guards and sweepers in a large number of airports refused to accept daily wages during February 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Some labour employed and engaged in cleaning and watch and ward duty by the Contractor had refused to accept daily wages during February, 1997 at Mumbai airport.

(b) and (c) Consequent upon the judgement pronounced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 6.12.96, the workmen hitherto engaged by the contractor in the job of cleaning and watch and ward are to be regularised by the Airports Authority of India. As a prelude to regularisation of the cleaning hands, they have been advised to furnish affidavits. Pending verification of details, payment of Rs. 2400/- per month (related to the No. of days being worked) is being disbursed to them from January, 1997. In so far as the watch and ward personnel are concerned, such personnel being borne on the strength of the Maharashtra Private Security Guards Board, consolidated cheque has been sent to the Board to disburse their monthly remuneration directly.

Winding up of Hotel Corporation of India

6241. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to wind up Hotel Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to modernise some hotels of Hotel Corporation of India and